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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, LV

SUBJ: LIBYAN PRODUCTION CUTBACKS

REF: A. TRIPOLI 1448; B. TRIPOLI 1440

1. [REDACTED] INFORMED CHARGE TODAY THAT 125,000 BBL/DAY ALLOWABLE, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL A. HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 127,000 BBL/DAY. LATTER FIGURE IS ALLOWABLE DAILY AVERAGE FOR NOVEMBER. MOBIL NOW PUMPING ABOUT 130,000 BBL/DAY TO CATCH UP BEFORE 30 NOVEMBER. MOBIL, LIKE OASIS AS REPORTED REFTEL B, SEEMS TO HAVE HAD PRODUCTION ADJUSTED TO ACCOUNT FOR SHIPMENTS TO U.S. AND NETHERLANDS. SINCE MOBIL, UNLIKE OASIS, HAD NO 1973 SHIPMENTS TO EITHER EMBARGOED COUNTRY.

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THEY APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN "REWARDED". NO DOUBT ECONOMICS INVOLVED ALSO IN THE LARG INCOME, AS REPORTED REFTEL D. IS GREATER FROM MOBIL PRODUCTION THAN IT IS FROM LARG'S "PARTNER" OASIS. CASH FLOW ADVANTAGES IN MOBIL'S CASE ARE EVEN GREATER THAN WITH OTHER MAJORS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY IS MAKING UP FOR "UNDERLIFTING" FROM MOBIL IN FIRST WEEKS AFTER THE 1 SEPTEMBER NATIONALIZATION. NOC HAS TAKEN ALL OF MOBIL'S NOVEMBER PRODUCTION TO DATE.

2. ESSO PRODUCTION IS NOW 261,000 BBL/DAY; ONLY SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE 253,000 BBL/DAY REPORTED REFTEL A. EMBASSY DOES NOT YET HAVE LATEST FIGURES FOR OCCIDENTAL AND AMOSEAS, BUT ASSUME ANY CHANGES WILL BE TRADEOFFS FROM LARG POINT OF VIEW. THAT IS, POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS OF OXY PRODUCTION MADE UP BY INCREASING AMOSEAS FLOW AND, WITH IT, LARG INCOME.
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